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23 December 1985MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dan Carlin
Assistant Director, Security Technology
Department of StateFROM: [REDACTED]
Director, DCI's COMPUSEC Project

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SUBJECT: Request for Department of State Briefing

1. As part of the Director of Central Intelligence's Computer Security (COMPUSEC) Project, the COMPUSEC Threat Senior Executive Panel has been convened; the Panel membership and charter are attached. The Panel is currently considering proposed topics for inclusion in the second annual issuance of the DCI's COMPUSEC threat to Intelligence Community ADP systems processing sensitive compartmented information (SCI) and other information derived from sensitive intelligence sources and methods.

2. Clearly, any such discussion of the threat cannot be complete without input from the Department of State; and therefore, I am writing to ask that Mr. Lynn McNulty of your staff brief at the next Panel meeting, 8 January 1986, on the Department of State's perspective on the COMPUSEC threat.

3. In consideration of time constraints and congested holiday schedules, would you please have your staff notify either me or the Intelligence Community Staff threat coordinator, [REDACTED] of your decision. Our phone numbers are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively.

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COMPUSEC THREAT SENIOR EXECUTIVE PANEL

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Background:

1. The DCI's Computer Security (COMPUSEC) Project began in April 1983 and is intended to support the DCI in assessing the security of automated systems processing information derived from sensitive methods and sources, to identify the threats to automated systems processing such materials, and to recommend actions for the DCI that will allow him to attest to the acceptability of operating risks. [redacted]

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2. As part of the DCI's COMPUSEC Project, the Intelligence Community Staff is responsible for developing and maintaining the Intelligence Community's assessment of the hostile intelligence services' (HOIS) and internal threats to US automated Intelligence Community systems processing information derived from sensitive intelligence sources and methods, and particularly those processing SCI. Representatives from throughout the Intelligence Community have provided the latest information for the threat effort. This formulation of the threat is being used in conjunction with security assessments of the Intelligence Community's "critical" automated SCI systems to recommend means to reduce the risks of processing intelligence information in critical systems. Signed by the DCI last January, the first annual DCI COMPUSEC threat document (herein referred to as "Threat I") also serves to fulfill one of the DCI's continuing responsibilities under NSDD 145, with respect to protection of sensitive intelligence sources and methods.

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3. In summary, the intended purposes for the DCI's annual COMPUSEC threat assessment are fourfold:

- o to initiate an annually-issued Computer Security Threat Point Paper done under the auspices of the DCI for the Intelligence Community;
- o to develop the most "quantitative" computer security threat paper possible for use in assessing the current vulnerabilities of electronic, automated SCI-handling systems;
- o to provide the background document for NFIB members in their development of computer security programs and budgets for FY 1986 and subsequent years; and
- o to provide a "talking paper" for the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, and the Director and Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff in describing to Congress, current vulnerabilities of electronic, automated SCI-handling systems. [redacted]

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4. In accordance with the wishes of the DCI, the Threat information is to be kept continuously updated, the COMPUSEC threat document is to be issued annually, and new areas are to be added to the Threat. [redacted]

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Executive Panel Objectives:

1. Review COMPUSEC Threat I and other Intelligence Community and private sector COMPUSEC threat documents to determine which areas should be retained and updated for Threat II.
2. Determine which new areas should be included in the next annual formulation of the DCI's 1985-1986 COMPUSEC threat document, Threat II.
3. To review and approve written draft sections on these areas provided through the IC Staff representative by Intelligence Community and other experts in these areas.

Products:

1. Final draft of the COMPUSEC Threat II, to be produced by March 1986.
2. Final approved version of the COMPUSEC Threat II, to be produced by April 1986.

Schedule and Milestones:

December 4, 1985 - First meeting of COMPUSEC Threat Senior Executive Panel
Meeting will include approval of Panel Charter, briefings on selected candidate subject areas for inclusion in Threat II, decision on areas to be included in Threat II, writing assignments, and agreement on how to proceed.

January 1986 - Second meeting of Panel
Meeting will include briefings on remainder of Threat II major subject areas, and review of progress on writing assignments from first meeting.

March 1986 - Final draft of Threat II sent to Panel for coordination before third meeting of COMPUSEC Threat Senior Executive Panel in late March, 1986. Meeting includes final approval of this draft and transmittal letter to be signed by the DCI.

April 1986 - Final approved version of COMPUSEC Threat II to DCI for signature and limited distribution to the National Foreign Intelligence Council and other selected Intelligence Community seniors.

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